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For: GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR, PRE-MIXER FOR TURBINE
COMBUSTORS AND PREMIXING METHOD FOR GAS TURBINE
COMBUSTORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 4 and 5 as set forth below.

4. (Amended) A gas turbine combustor according to claim 1, characterized in that each of the opening portions is provided between the adjacent two premixing nozzles at the position in circumferential direction.

5. (Amended) A gas turbine combustor according to claim 1, characterized in that each of the opening portions is configured in such a manner that the opening width in circumferential direction varies along the axial direction thereof.